

Teaching With Music

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Why use music in the English classroom?

- To learn vocabulary
- To explore culture
- To stimulate discussion
- To practice skills: listening, pronunciation, writing, grammatical structures
- To bring variety and fun to learning

Popular Music

- Primary source of authentic English use in everyday life
- Highly motivating
- Rich source of language

Choosing Appropriate Songs

- Song lyrics should be clear and loud
- Vocabulary difficulty should be appropriate for the student's level
- Songs with profanity or explicit references to sex or violence should be avoided

Websites for More Information

Articles

Using Music in the Adult ESL Classroom <http://www.cal.org/ncle/digests/music.htm>

Listen to the Blues <http://exchanges.state.gov/forum/vols/vol41/no1/>

Reasons for Using Songs in the ESL/EFL Classroom <http://iteslj.org/Articles/Schoepp-Songs.html>

Musical Activities for Young Learners of EFL <http://iteslj.org/Lessons/Cakir-MusicalActivities.html>

Songs, Verse and Games for Teaching Grammar <http://iteslj.org/Techniques/Saricoban-Songs.html>

Lesson Plans, Teaching Tips and Interactive Web Sites

Connect with Music, Lessons Any Teacher Can Teach! http://www.educationworld.com/a_lesson/lesson303.shtml

ESL Lounge Lesson Plans, Song Lyrics <http://www.esl-lounge.com/songstop.shtml>

ESL through Music <http://www.forefrontpublishers.com/eslmusic/>

English Listening Room <http://www.manythings.org/el/>

Musical English Lessons International <http://www.musicalenglishlessons.com/index-ex.htm>

Songs for Teaching, Using Music to Promote Learning <http://www.songsforteaching.com/>

Songs for Use in the ESL/EFL Classroom <http://members.tripod.com/~ESL4Kids/songs.html>

ESL through Music geocities.com/ESLmusic

Directories

E.L. Easton <http://eleaston.com/music.html>

ESL Through Music <http://www.caslt.org/research/music.htm>

Lyrics.com <http://www.lyrics.com/>

ESL Songs from I-TESL-J <http://iteslj.org/links/TESL/Songs/>
Website list from Leslie Opp-Beckman, University of Oregon